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SUBJECT: OASGA - PLENARY AND COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENTS, MAY 15

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1. PLENARY SESSION: THE DELEGATES APPROVED A RESOLUTION WHICH NOTED WITH SATISFACTION AND ENCOURAGED CONTINUED PROGRESS ON THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. THE JOINT US-PANAMA DECLARATION (STATE 110173) WAS APPENDED TO THE RESOLUTION. IN OTHER ACTIONS, THE US CANDIDATE, JOHN PASSALACQUA, A LABOR LAWYER FROM PUERTO RICO, WAS ELECTED TO A 6 YEAR TERM ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, AND THE GENERAL COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING.

2. COMMITTEE 1 (POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL MATTERS) AGREED TO CALL ANOTHER SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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LAW IN MONTEVIDEO IN 1977, TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE VERY SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE HELD IN PANAMA IN JANUARY 1975. A POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME AGENDA ITEM ON THE STATUS OF NON-AUTONOMOUS TERRITORIES IN THE HEMISPHERE (BELIZE AND THE FALKLAND/

MALVINAS ISLANDS HAVE USUALLY GENERATED THE FIREWORKS), WAS DISPOSED OF WITH SURPRISING TRANQUILITY. COMMITTEE I'S ROUTINE JOURNEY THROUGH ITS AGENDA WAS INTERRUPTED WHEN THE MEXICAN DECLARATION ON CUBAN SANCTIONS (SEE SEPTEL) CAM UP LATE IN THE DAY. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED TO TAKE UP THE TOPIC AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. STILL TO COME IS THE JUICIER MATTER OF THE REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, WHICH IN THE PRIVATE SESSIONS COSTA RICA SUGGESTED BE DEFERRED TO NEXT YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY (REF STATE 113023) END CONFIDENTIAL.

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3. COMMITTEE II (ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS) MOVED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA ITEM PROPOSED BY URUGUAY ON THE SITUATION OF COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF HIGHER IMPORT COSTS, AND REDUCED EXPORT EARNINGS. URUGUAY INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION PROPOSING A NUMBER OF MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO ASSIST SUCH COUNTRIES, AND
A WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP TO EDIT THE DRAFT.
THE OTHER WORKING GROUP CONSIDERING THE MEXICAN AND ARGENTINEAN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON THE US TRADE ACT CONTINUED ITS DELIBERATIONS.

4. COMMITTEE III (EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATTERS) EXPEDITIOUSLY DISPOSED OF A NUMBER OF MATTERS, NOTABLY AN AGREEMENT THAT CIECC DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION IN ITS REPORT TO COORDINATION WITH OTHER DONORS. THE RELATOR'S REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED FRIDAY.

5. THE WORKING GROUP OF COMMITTEE IV (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS) CONTINUED ITS DEBATE OVER THE PROPER HANDLING OF QUOTA DETERMINATIONS AND BUDGETS. BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA PREFER THAT THE PERMANENT COUNCIL, THROUGH DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SET THE BUDGET AND QUOTA LEVELS, BUT THE US, SUPPORTED BY VENEZUELA, PARAGUAY,
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JAMAICA, AND TRINIDAD/TOBAGO, BELIEVE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

6. GENERAL COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO MEET FRIDAY MORNING.
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